

**Constitution of State Level Committee (SLC) for Wood-based Industries as per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 05/10/2015 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/95 (T.N.Godavarman Thirumulpad vs. Union of India and others).**

**Government of Maharashtra**

**Revenue and Forest Department**

**Government Resolution No.: SWM-11/2015/C.R.231/F-6**

Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032

Date: 19 January, 2016

**Read -**

1. Order dated 05/10/2015 passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition No. 202/1995 (TN Godavarman vs. Union of India and ors)
2. Government : Letter No. 03/2015-SU, Dated 19.11.2015 from the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

**Resolution**

Hon'ble Supreme Court, vide order dated 05.10.2015 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/95 (T.N.Godavarman Thirumulpad vs. Union of India and others) has issued directions regarding matters relating to wood based industries. As per the directions, "In each State/UT for which the SLC has so far not been constituted, the SLC under the chairmanship of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests with a representative of the Ministry of Environment and Forest and Climate Change ("MoEFCC") and an officer of the State Forest Department/Industries Department not below the rank of the Chief Conservator of Forests/equivalent rank will immediately be constituted."

2. In pursuance to the directions of the Apex Court, the State Government hereby constitutes the following committee, which shall be known as the State Level Committee for Wood -based Industries :-

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| 1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of the Forests Force)      | <b>Chairman</b> |
| 2. Representative of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change | <b>Member</b>   |
| 3. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Protection)          | <b>Member</b>   |

3. The above said State Level Committee, shall subject to the relevant Acts and rules applicable and various guidelines issued by the MoEFCC from time to time, is hereby authorized to decide matters pertaining to the grant of license/permission to the Wood-

based Industries. The Committee shall also review the amount lying with the State Forest Department (recovered from Wood-based Industries) and about its utilization for purpose of afforestation.

4. While deciding the matters, apart from other things, the Committee shall consider the availability of timber for Wood-based Industries including addition of new machineries and also utilization of levies recovered from the wood based industries and matters incidental thereto.

5. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the State Level Committee, may within a period of 60 days file an appeal before the MoEFCC seeking appropriate relief. If, for any reason, any person is aggrieved by the order so passed in the appeal, he may prefer an appropriate petition/application/appeal before the appropriate forum/court for grant of appropriate relief (s).

6. The SLC shall submit a copy of decisions/orders to the Secretary (Forests), Revenue & Forest Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai.

7. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Head of the Forests Force), Maharashtra shall submit report about utilization of funds recovered from Wood-based Industries for afforestation to MoEFCC under intimation to State Government.

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

**( Prakash Mahajan )**  
**Joint Secretary (Forests)**

**To:**

- 1) Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forest and Climate Change ("MoEFCC"), New Delhi.
- 2) Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister
- 3) Private Secretary to Hon'ble Minister (Forests), Mantralaya, Mumbai
- 4) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
- 5) Principal Secretary (Industry), Mantralaya, Mumbai
- 6) Principal Secretary (UD-1, UD-2), Mantralaya, Mumbai
- 7) Deputy Inspector General of Forests (SU Division), MoEFCC, New Delhi.

- 8) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Protection), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
- 9) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (All)
- 10) Director Industries Mumbai.
- 11) Chief Conservator of Forests (All)
- 12) Deputy Conservator of Forests (All).